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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**5:00 P.M. Executive Session for contract negotiations**

**6:00 P.M. Call to Order**

**6:15 P.M.** Public hearing to consider Class II Motor Vehicle Dealer's License for Cedar Street Garage, LLC d/b/a Euro Classics for a site at 13 Ridgehill Road. Selectman Pacheco reads the Green Cards aloud-all abutters were notified. Mrs. Angela Grace would like to come to Freetown with Classic cars she and her son would like to move to Freetown with them from New Bedford to the safe environment of Freetown. Maximum of 35 Vehicles. Selectman Sadeck asks exactly where she is. We are to the left in Ridgehill Road. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to allow the license. Passed unanimously.

**Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants  
Weekly Public Discussion period**

**Consent Agenda:**

**Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Discussion with David Taglianetti from VHB regarding road improvements on South Main Street. He will be here on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Budget discussion – School budget – Selectman Baumgartner says he would like a Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to fund the school at minimum net school spending. Selectman Pacheco says we have a meeting coming up with Lakeville to see where they stand don't we want to see where they stand. Selectman Sadeck says he received a letter from a resident and he believes the School Board doesn't get it. They continue to give us a bill that take up 53% of our budget and we can't fund our Town's budget and infrastructure. They need a reality check. They never hold the line they just expand. They say they need major infrastructure needs but you know that Town has needs. Selectman Pacheco says she thinks the SC should slow down their spending however minimum Net School spending isn't the answer, there isn't a town in the municipality that stays at Net School spending. The 1.4% is what they are asking for and that isn't a true number because the contract negotiated isn't in that number.

Maybe we give them the 1.4% and then tell them whatever the negotiations are they need to work within the 1.4%. Selectman Baumgartner says in 2008 the country went into a global recession however FLRSD handed out an 8-10% salary increase. The only way we get control of this is we need to stop them and take control now. We need to do what is right for the Town of Freetown now or it won't stop. Selectman Sadeck says Freetown gave the schools 900+ over net school and Lakeville gave 1.2 that's over 2million last year and 85% is personnel cost. With the increase they have built into their steps its 4%, no one gets that kind of money. The two towns that made a request to be on the negotiating team and the SC doesn't want the Town on the negotiating team. It isn't right it works this way. Selectmen Sadeck agrees that Net School Spending isn't nice. Every year we go through this and every year we get their budget late. We can't let this continue. This comes out of the Town's budget. Selectman Pacheco says she takes a little offense to what Selectman Sadeck says she listens to what is going on within the Town. They do always give us a bill but we always say no and we try to work with them. Even last year we cut it. Their wish/want list is what is affordable at that time. Lastly please at the Joint meeting please send out the joint letter asking to abide by the request to have both towns represented. Selectman Sadeck says every year we get a request from the SC for a budget and we don't hold the line on them and we took the cheapest and it was still a dramatic increase. Selectman Baumgartner says in 2014 after we voted for budget 1.77 million the response was from the SC was they were disappointed. They didn't see 2.117 over net school spending. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to fund the school at minimum net school spending Motion carries. Selectman Pacheco is opposed.

- Abatement for the Month of June, July, August, September and October 2013, as submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve in the amount of \$46,298.28. Passed unanimously.
- Sign MOA between Town of Freetown and FPA and Bethia Dwyer, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to sign. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/signing of Annual Patriot Half Triathlon from Sun Multisport Events for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for Route 105 and Route 18; also approve a donation from Sun Multisport to the Town. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report. Mr. Healy says we have been having budget discussions and we have an issue regarding storm water management work which is a requirement I will be submitting a report to you which will be an analyses and it may be 50K-100K also we have been talking about a sewer project and some of us are question whether we will be able to do this and I have been meeting with Kelly Eng and we should put some sewer pipes when they do the Road Improvements. This would be planning ahead. Selectman Pacheco spoke of this before. Selectman Sadeck asks how we will pay for this. Jack will find out how. Mr. Healey has been working with Hall Davis and we may be borrowing money to do this project and he authored ch23D law. The private owners that benefits from this would finance this project. Sadeck says but one of the provisions of this is that everyone would need to agree to this. Jack thinks this is a unique way to fund it without a Debt Exclusion.

**Board of Health:** Selectman Baumgartner and Health Agent Kevin Bernardo is looking into MRE's

**Personnel Board:**

- Accept Letter of Resignation from Reserve Police Officer Kevin Garell as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective February 5, 2015. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco). Passed unanimously. Send a letter of regret.
- Sign Change of Status form for Kara E. Pigeon as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, Effective February 25, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Elton E. Ashley III as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, Effective March 6, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Meeting with Finance Committee to go over Building and Health Budgets
- Building 241 – Uniform allowance should be \$500 not \$300. Selectman Pacheco said that we need to discuss what we are going to have Chuck do for the vehicles. Selectman Sadeck says when we go back to Highway we need to look at this and pull this out. Brad Paiva says he has a scanner from Snap on and it tells them the problem. Selectman Pacheco says this is just an oil problem not a big service. Selectman Sadeck says we need to contract one company. Selectman Pacheco says we need to give a directive. In-State travel a lot of the seminars I go to start in the am and it make sense to use my own vehicle.
- Gas/Plumbing - 242 Scott has asked for an increase because he believes they will go up this year for inspections. The mileage isn't going to be allowed. Selectman Pacheco and Selectman Sadeck say remove that.
- Electrical –Selectman Pacheco wants to know why they are spending so much. Scott says we should have a fee change with Solar the fee is low. We have a lot of inspections and the inspections fee went from \$25 to \$35. Selectman Sadeck asks how often do they go on the job. Scott says a typical on is 2 inspections. A Solar is 3 inspections.
- Public Building – 192 Maintenance of Town Hall mostly comes out of this. Selectman Pacheco wants to know what the non energy water is-this is the water bill and the water cooler.
- Trash Collection 433- Curbside trash went up because of the contract. Selectman Sadeck asks how many tons per year. Healey says 4000 tons per year. Selectman Pacheco asks about the bags and if there has been any complaints. Mr. Bernardo says yes he has. Our policy is you bring them in and we will change them. Mr. Bernardo says this company plays games with you.
- Transfer Station 434 – The wage increases are contractual, uniform allowance has been reduced, Heating increase we filled up twice for the front loader, the Woodard and Curran contract will be going up because of regulations,

- Health 510- Salary increased due to contractual, Nursing will decrease, uniform allow increase to \$300., postage increase to \$200, Office supplies request additional \$500.00, Vehicle increase, Tobacco line should be put in it to have a program in place. Sharps program he purchase them and they can get incinerated. These are containers. We give them out to certain individuals. In Dighton the sell them for what we bought them for. Dues and memberships increase the MHOB is \$150. Selectman Pacheco wants to change the Sharps program to Health Programs and that will cover all programs so combine Tobacco with it.

**New Business**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday April 21<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.
- Union negotiation meeting.
- Meeting with DESE.-Paul would rather meet with them in person.
- Key Fobs-cost for highway dept.Jack will do.
- Status of 4 South Main Street Building.-Selectman Pacheco wants to know what we are going to do with this. Selectman Sadeck says sell it maybe but isn't it historical.

Town accountant, Treasurer, ACO, Library 3/9 Budgets

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 8:02 . Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant